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Health Department Holds Additional Flu Clinic for Residents to Receive Flu Shots

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center still has a limited supply of flu vaccine, and as a result, will offer another flu clinic Monday, December 22, from 3-8 p.m. at Condell Medical Center's Allen Conference Center, located at 801 South Milwaukee Avenue in Libertyville.

Consistent with the latest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the following groups will be eligible for vaccine:

- 65 years of age and older
- Persons of all ages with chronic medical conditions
- Pregnant women past their first trimester
- Children 6 –23 months of age
- Low income children

Please note, our vaccine stock is limited. Clients will be seen on a first come, first served basis *while supplies last*.

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It is important that senior citizens bring their Medicare part B cards, which will cover both pneumonia and flu vaccines. Those not on Medicare part B will be charged approximately \$17.00 for the flu vaccine and \$22.00 for the pneumonia vaccine.

The Health Department has activated a hotline to inform residents of the availability of its flu vaccine and patient eligibility. That number is: (847) 377-8470. The message, which is provided in English and Spanish, will be updated should vaccine availability change.

Influenza is an upper respiratory infection that can make persons of any age extremely ill. Symptoms include sudden fever, chills, cough and soreness, and aching in the back, arms and legs. Although most people are ill for only a few days, some (particularly older adults and the chronically ill) can experience a much more serious illness. Senior citizens are recognized as a special risk group for flu and its complications, as the illness can be very debilitating. It is impossible to contract influenza from the vaccine.

For more information, please contact the Health Department's Immunizations Program at: (847) 377-8470.

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